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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 046218

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, UN, LA

SUBJECT: WESTERN APPROACHES TO AFRICANS AT TRIPOLI ON SC

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CONSIDERATION OF HORN

REF: USUN 609

1. YOU MAY TELL WESTERN FIVE THAT DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN PROPOSED APPROACHES IN TRIPOLI TO GABON, MAURITIUS AND NIGERIA REGARDING UNSC CONSIDERATION OF HORN. REPRESEN-

TATIONS SHOULD IN OUR VIEW BE RELATIVELY LOW-KEY, STRESSING WESTERN DESIRE TO REINFORCE AND SUPPORT OAU SETTLEMENT EFFORTS. GIVEN EXTENSIVE EXPLANATIONS OF OUR POSITION ALREADY MADE TO THESE AND OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, THE MAIN POINT SHOULD BE TO REMIND KEY PLAYERS OF OUR POSITION.

2. YOU SHOULD CONSULT CLOSELY WITH OTHERS OF THE FIVE TO ENSURE THAT WESTERN PRESENTATIONS MAKE THE SAME POINTS. US DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE NOR WISH AT THIS TIME TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO MOVE TO THE SC REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS IN THE OAU CONTEXT. YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THAT COMMON TALKING POINTS BE AGREED UPON, AND PUT FORWARD THE FOLLOWING AS OUR SUGGESTIONS:

-- SOMALIA'S DECISION TO SEND A SKILLED NEGOTIATOR TO LAGOS TO DISCUSS OAU MEDIATION EFFORT IS A POSITIVE SIGN. WE HOPE ETHIOPIA WILL ALSO SEND A NEGOTIATOR AND THAT OTHERS WILL URGE THEM TO DO SO.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSIONS AT TRIPOLI CONFERENCE CAN GIVE IMPETUS TO OAU EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND WE HOPE AFRICAN SC MEMBERS WILL USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO THIS END.

-- WESTERN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ACTIVELY SUPPORT OAU EFFORTS TO REACH A SETTLEMENT OF THE OGADEN CONFLICT.

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-- WE CONTINUE TO STAND READY TO SUPPORT OAU ACTIVITIES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE BELIEVE SC ACTION AND OAU EFFORTS COULD COMPLEMENT AND REINFORCE EACH OTHER.

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